

TABLE 1. Farms, Acreage, and Value: 1930 to 1964

[Data for value of land and buildings for 1950 to 1964 based on sample; see Introduction and Appendix A]

Subject	1964	1959	1954	1950	1945	1940	1935	1930
Farms.....number..	29,661	33,670	38,740	40,284	41,498	43,663	45,113	41,674
Approximate land area.....acres..	52,933,120	52,933,120	52,972,160	52,972,160	52,997,120	52,997,120	53,346,560	53,346,560
Proportion in farms.....percent..	28.9	28.8	27.1	25.0	23.6	19.4	18.7	17.5
Land in farms.....acres..	15,301,313	15,232,401	14,364,471	13,224,192	12,503,332	10,297,745	9,951,661	9,346,908
Average size of farm.....acres..	515.9	452.4	370.8	328.3	301.3	235.8	220.6	224.3
Value of land and buildings:								
Average per farm.....dollars..	68,178	50,528	33,466	22,920	11,888	7,768	6,814	10,012
Average per acre.....dollars..	131.71	111.69	90.26	69.82	39.46	32.94	30.89	44.64
Land in farms according to use: ¹								
Cropland harvested.....farms..	25,636	29,251	33,697	36,150	37,301	39,936	41,117	39,203
acres..	3,934,659	3,832,164	3,727,616	3,647,885	3,441,661	2,935,350	2,668,685	3,150,097
1 to 9 acres.....farms..	2,021	2,317	3,428	4,237	4,744	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
10 to 19 acres.....farms..	1,901	2,240	2,681	3,057	3,227	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
20 to 29 acres.....farms..	1,726	2,097	2,750	3,236	3,525	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
30 to 49 acres.....farms..	3,015	3,685	4,934	5,893	6,166	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
50 to 99 acres.....farms..	5,938	7,839	9,663	10,026	10,171	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
100 to 199 acres.....farms..	5,631	6,153	5,817	5,583	5,626	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 acres or more.....farms..	5,404	4,920	4,424	4,118	3,842	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 to 499 acres.....farms..	3,880	3,669	3,350	3,096	2,996	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
500 to 999 acres.....farms..	1,161	1,002	847	807	688	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1,000 acres or more.....farms..	363	249	227	215	158	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cropland used only for pasture ²farms..	14,875	16,458	19,063	17,138	15,320	25,048	9,243	12,407
acres..	695,870	666,311	545,073	484,625	322,286	779,080	352,806	379,451
Cropland not harvested and not pastured.....farms..	11,525	8,977	10,344	11,000	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,247,104	1,285,530	1,202,831	1,097,245	825,651	993,713	1,263,105	923,168
Cultivated summer fallow.....farms..	6,789	6,006	7,082	6,828	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	895,470	917,462	995,837	863,269	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Soil-improvement grasses and legumes.....farms..	4,042	1,703	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	189,734	190,196	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Crop failure.....farms..	1,236	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,512	3,044	9,302	3,156
acres..	37,144	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	25,496	61,802	319,419	86,951
Idle cropland.....farms..	2,910	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	8,252	11,275	15,710	12,491
acres..	124,756	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	800,155	931,911	943,686	836,217
Woodland pastured.....farms..	3,334	3,870	4,812	5,992	5,273	(NA)	7,595	6,346
acres..	1,137,719	1,218,793	1,165,167	1,242,638	946,253	(NA)	840,103	736,456
Woodland not pastured.....farms..	1,662	2,088	2,112	2,505	1,190	(NA)	1,594	1,455
acres..	255,667	304,594	262,451	309,415	113,881	(NA)	111,178	123,452
Other pasture (see text) ²farms..	13,092	14,599	16,171	17,595	22,538	(NA)	24,858	19,399
acres..	7,434,260	7,074,136	6,712,298	5,625,500	6,229,520	(NA)	3,871,423	3,275,894
Improved pasture.....farms..	7,279	6,136	5,929	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	565,050	382,024	248,495	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other land (house lots, roads, etc.).....farms..	26,942	(NA)	36,151	37,852	39,273	(NA)	40,957	36,152
acres..	595,800	850,873	749,035	816,884	624,080	(NA)	844,361	758,390
Cropland, total ²farms..	27,660	31,318	35,941	37,999	39,301	42,700	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	5,877,633	5,784,005	5,475,520	5,229,755	4,589,598	4,708,143	4,284,596	4,452,716
Land pastured, total.....farms..	24,351	27,511	31,926	33,225	35,494	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	9,267,849	8,959,240	8,422,538	7,352,763	7,498,059	(NA)	5,064,332	4,391,801
Woodland, total.....farms..	4,307	5,125	6,171	7,406	6,038	6,822	(NA)	(NA)
acres..	1,393,386	1,523,387	1,427,618	1,552,053	1,060,134	691,683	951,281	859,908
Irrigated land in farms.....farms..	22,251	25,383	28,218	29,413	28,571	29,898	328,350	27,953
acres..	2,801,500	2,576,580	2,324,571	2,137,237	2,026,280	1,895,048	31,388,200	41,634,321

NA Not available.

¹For the censuses of 1964, 1959, and 1954, in the census year; for all other censuses, in the calendar year preceding the census.

²Not fully comparable for the various census years because of differences in definition of cropland used only for pasture. See text.

³Irrigated cropland harvested only.

⁴Acreage of irrigated crops including some duplication where two or more crops were harvested from the same land.